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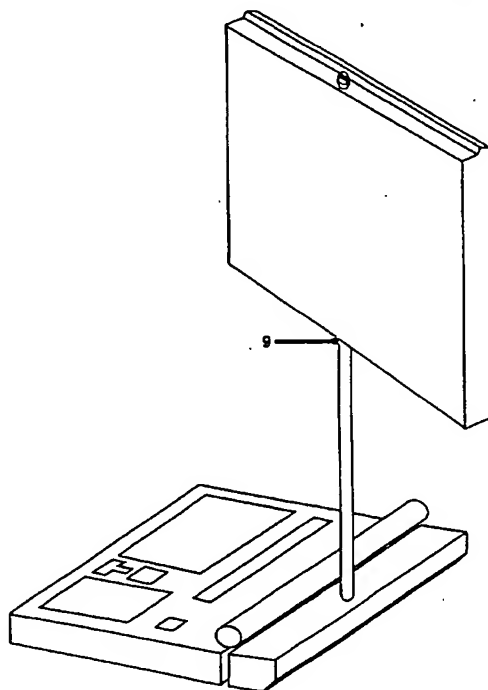
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Portable computer with height adjustable display.

(57) A portable, or laptop computer in which the display screen (LCD) can be raised above the keyboard to a more comfortable viewing position using eg. a sliding mechanism comprising rods and tubes. According to a second embodiment the monitor can be rotated in different directions in relation to the keyboard.

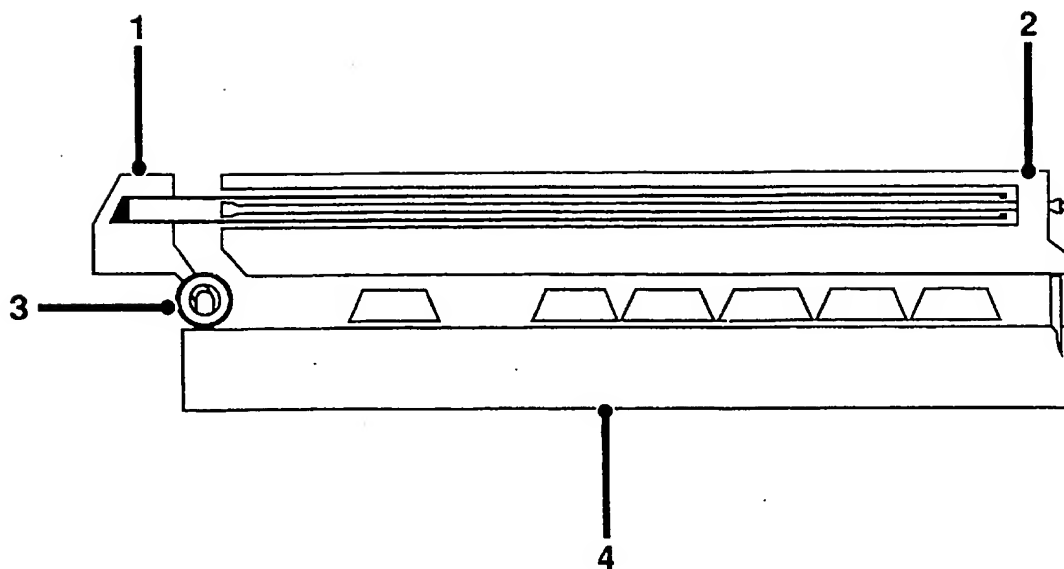
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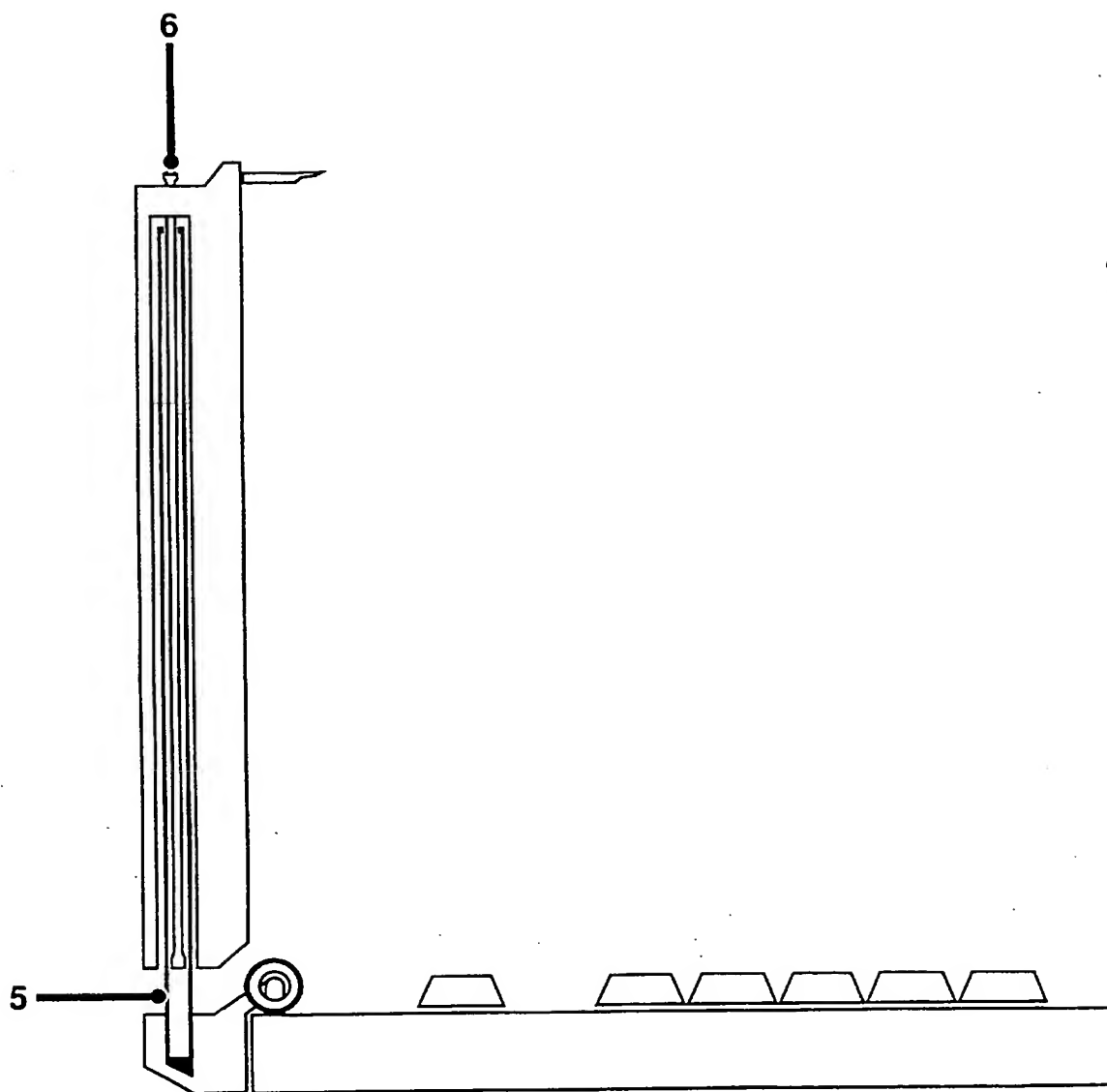


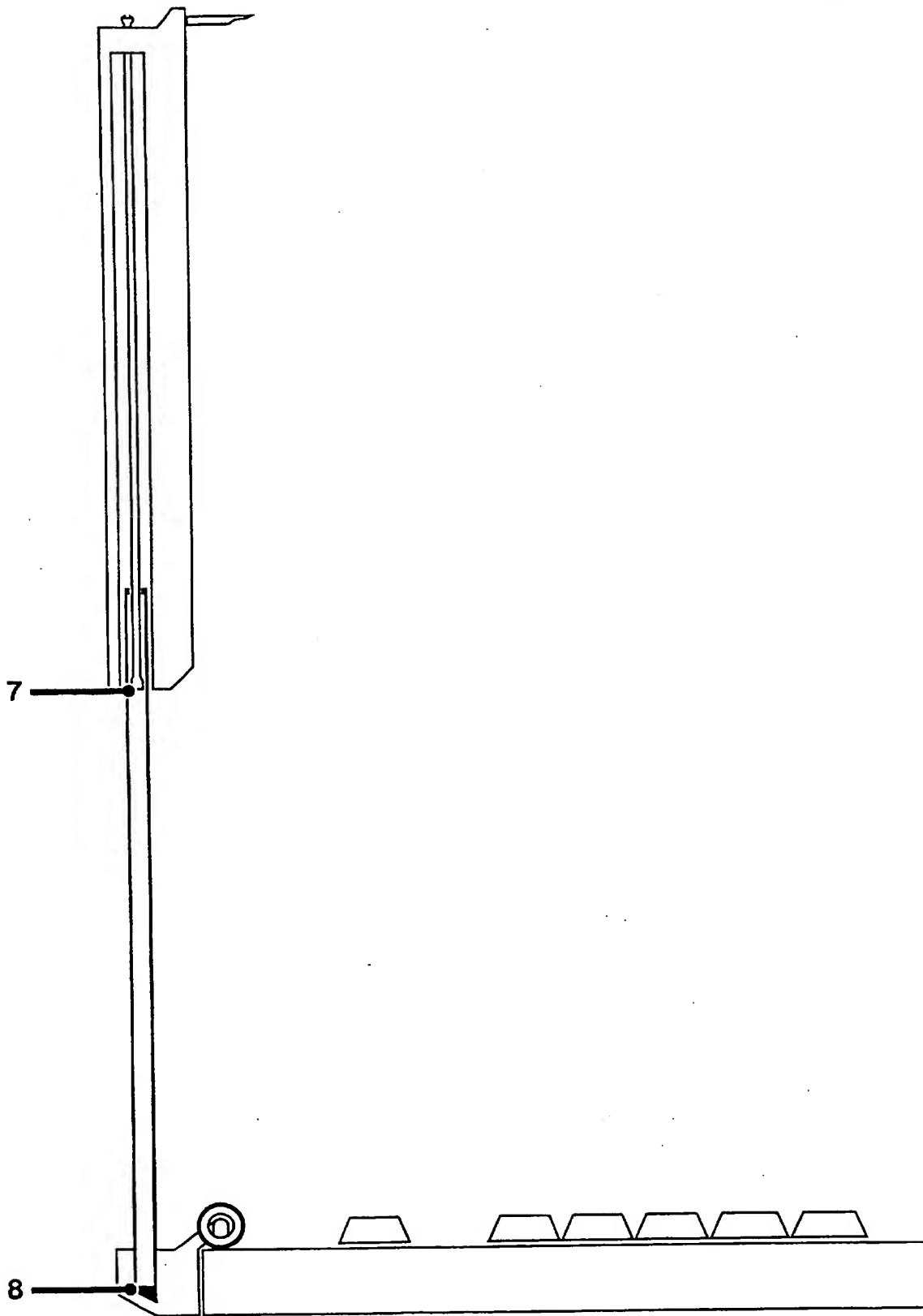
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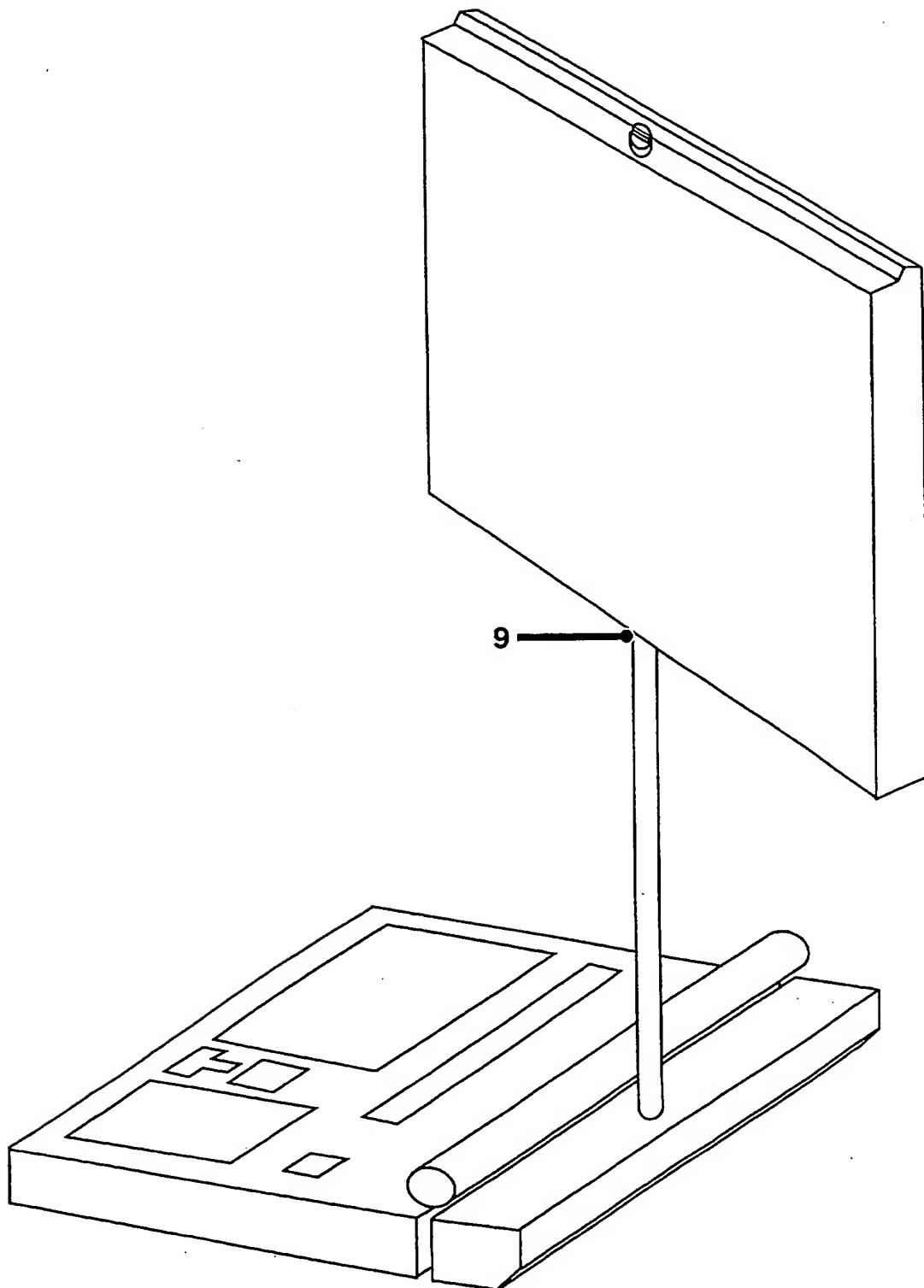
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LAP TOP EXTENSION: DESCRIPTION

This invention relates to an extendable lap top.

A lap top computer is a well known product. It is a type of mobile personal computer, light enough to be carried around, allowing the user to use their personal computer almost anywhere. However existing lap top computers have design limitations: when the key board is at wrist level the screen is too low for the eyes. The present invention remedies this by providing a connection between the screen and keyboard enabling elevation. A further innovation involving rotation of the screen enables the modified lap top to be used for demonstration purposes.

According to the present invention there is provided a connection between the screen and the keyboard comprising:

- i. A connection enabling the screen to be extended up to eye level.
- ii. A connection enabling the screen to face in other directions.
- iii. A device to fix the screen at various heights and to fix the screen facing in various directions.

Embodiments can comprise a lap top comprising three (or more) elements: a connection enabling the screen to be opened upright from the keyboard and raised to the desired height; a connection enabling the screen to be rotated so as to face a desired direction; a device enabling the screen to be fixed at that desired height and facing that desired direction.

One possible embodiment of the invention will now be described by way of example with reference to the accompanying drawings in which:

Fig.1 shows the lap top in a closed position.

Fig.2 shows the lap top with the screen opened upright to the keyboard.

Fig.3 shows the lap top with the screen extended, raising the screen above the level of the keyboard.

Fig.4 shows the lap top in three dimensions, with the screen extended, raising the screen above the screen level of the lap top, the screen is figured at an angle. The screen has been rotated to face a different direction.

Referring to the drawings the lap top extension comprises one unit in three elements as illustrated in Fig.1.

The screen 2 is connected to the keyboard 4 via a third element, a connecting piece 1. The connecting piece 1

connects with the keyboard 4 via a hinge 3. The hinge 3 functions to allow the screen 2 to open upright to the keyboard 4 as illustrated in fig.2. A metal rod 6 is secured to a cavity within the screen 2. The metal tube 5 is firmly secured to the connecting piece 1. The metal rod 6 slides freely within the metal tube 5. The screen 2 can then be extended vertically as illustrated in Fig.3. The screen 2 is supported on the metal tube 5 as the metal rod 6 slides up the metal tube 5. The bottom of the metal tube 8 is firmly secured to the inside of the connecting piece 1. At the bottom of the metal rod 6 there is a fixing mechanism 7 which fixes the screen from moving once it is at the desired height and facing the desired direction. The connection at the top of the metal tube 9 allows the screen to be rotated to face different directions as illustrated in fig. 4.

CLAIMS

1. A system of extending a computer screen from a computer keyboard for a lap top personal computer comprising a connection enabling the screen to be raised up above the level of the keyboard
2. A system of extending a computer screen as claimed in claim 1 wherein the screen is connected to the keyboard using a device that is provided to allow for the screen to rotate to face different directions.
3. A system of extending a computer screen as claimed in claim 1 or claim 2 wherein means for securing the screen at a desired height is provided.
4. A system of extending a computer screen as claimed in any one of the preceding claims wherein means of securing the screen to face in a desired direction is provided.
5. A system of extending a computer screen as claimed in any one of the preceding claims wherein the screen is to be raised above the level of the keyboard by means of a connection enabling the screen to be raised up above the level of the keyboard using a combination of rods and tubes, or any other devices.



6. A system of extending a computer screen as claimed in any one of the preceding claims wherein the screen is to be fixed to face a different direction using a combination of rods and tubes, or any other devices.
7. A system of extending a computer screen as claimed in any one of the preceding claims wherein the screen is able to extend above the level of the keyboard and is able to face different directions by the means provided of one single tube and one single rod as illustrated here or by any other devices of whatever material
8. A system substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to and/or substantially as illustrated in the accompanying drawings.





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